Government servants at Udayarpalayam are paid house-rent allowance, as Udayarpalayam is the headquarters of a taluk. Government servants at other places in Udayarpalayam taluk are not eligible for any house-rent allowance.

"(b) & (c) Ariyalur is neither a municipality nor the headquarters of a taluk. Government servants at Ariyalur are not therefore eligible for any house-rent allowance under the existing orders. But the question of extending the scheme of house-rent allowance to places which are headquarters of Revenue divisions but are not covered by the existing orders is under the consideration of the Government."

Repairs to Anantasagaram tank, Atmakur taluk.

* 990 *Q.*—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a leakage in the lower level sluice of Anantasagaram tank in Atmakur taluk, Nellore district, for the last four years; and

(*b*) why the Government did not get it repaired in spite of the repeated requests of the ryots under that tank?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(*a*) & (*b*) A leakage occurred in sluice No. 2 of the Anantasagaram tank in July 1952 and not four years back. No representations were received in this regard except the one sent by the Member himself through the Collector of Nellore. Action has been taken to renew the existing shutter and screw-gearing arrangement of the sluice."

Certificate for fee-concession to children of head teachers of elementary schools.

* 991 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have received any query from the Malabar District Board as to who is to certify that a particular boy or girl is a child of the head teacher of an aided elementary school so as to be eligible for the fee-concession allowed by the Government; and if so, what was the Government's reply to the Board?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"No representation has been made to Government by the Malabar District Board in the matter. On a reference made by the Director of Public Instruction orders have been issued that in the case of children of headmasters of elementary schools under private management the Deputy Inspectors of Schools should issue the certificate."

Alleged suicide by a patient of the Madras Mental Hospital.

* 992 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one patient

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in the Mental Hospital, Madras, committed suicide by hanging on a tree by the side of the main road of the hospital at midday on 28th February 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

Pay and grade of Fire Brigade employees.

* 993 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received any memorandum from the Fire Brigade employees of this State regarding the discrepancies shown to them in fixing up their pay and grade;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on the same; and

(*c*) if not, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government have not received any memorandum from the employees of the Fire Service Branch about their pay.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The question does not arise."

Report of the Bhattacharya Committee.

* 994 *Q.*—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the recommendations or representations made by this Government to the Bhattacharya Committee were;

(*b*) whether the Government have received a copy of the report of the Committee; and

(*c*) if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No recommendations or representations were made by this Government to the Bhattacharya Committee.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) It is not in the public interest to place a copy of the report on the table of the House as the report is confidential."

War service candidates serving as judicial officers.

* 995 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many war service appointees now serve as judicial officers in the State;

(*b*) how many of them have been confirmed in their posts;

(*c*) whether their war service is given credit to in their judicial service;